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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: CIA Chairmanship of NSCID 16 - Advisory Committee

PROBLEM

1. To appoint a CIA chairman of the Advisory Committee on NSCID 16.

DISCUSSION

2. NSCID 16 has now been approved by the National Security Council. The terms of reference for the Advisory Committee which is established in NSCID 16 have already been approved by the IAC. A notice has gone to the agencies requesting their nominations for representatives on the Advisory Committee.

3. Two offices have the major Agency responsibilities under this NSCID 16, namely, OCD and OC. It is probable that the Advisory Committee will establish two subcommittees: one on matters relevant to FDD's work and one with regard to the OCD Library. It is thought that the chiefs of these two units would serve as chairman respectively of these subcommittees.

4. The chairman of the Advisory Committee itself is to come from CIA. Normally the chairmanship of a committee should be filled by the office having the functional responsibility. There is no functional reason why OC should provide the chairman of the Advisory Committee rather than OCD or vice-versa. It is OC's feeling that the chairman in this case should come from a neutral, disinterested quarter, and that OIC should provide the chairmanship; it is the feeling of OCD that this would be the easiest solution to the problem, although it is prepared to provide the chairmanship if that is desired. OIC believes that for the time being at least there would be some advantage in having OIC serve as chairman.

RECOMMENDATION

5. That AD/IC be designated chairman of the Advisory Committee on NSCID 16.

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